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"AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PLANNING."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) There is established a
4 Transportation Policy Advisory Council, which shall be part of the
5 Executive Department.

6 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

7 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

9 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
10 Representatives;

- 11 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 12 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
13 Representatives;
- 14 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 15 (7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
16 secretary's designee;
- 17 (8) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
18 or the commissioner's designee;
- 19 (9) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
20 the commissioner's designee;
- 21 (10) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;
- 22 (11) The State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee; and
- 23 (12) Two appointed by the Governor.
- 24 (c) The council shall consist of the following ex-officio, nonvoting
25 members: (1) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the
26 commissioner's designee, and (2) the chairpersons and ranking
27 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
28 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation.
- 29 (d) Any member of the council appointed under subdivisions (1) to
30 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
31 General Assembly.
- 32 (e) All initial appointments to the council shall be made not later
33 than December 1, 2017.
- 34 (f) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
35 secretary's designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the council. Such
36 chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall
37 be held not later than February 1, 2018.

38 (g) The council shall be within the Office of Policy and Management
39 for administrative purposes only.

40 (h) The terms of the appointed members of the council shall be
41 coterminous with the terms of the appointing authority for each
42 member and subject to the provisions of section 4-1a of the general
43 statutes. Any vacancy on the council shall be filled by the appointing
44 authority.

45 (i) Three-fourths of the voting members of the council shall
46 constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

47 (j) The members of the council shall serve without compensation,
48 but shall, within available appropriations, be reimbursed for expenses
49 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

50 (k) The council shall have the following powers and duties:

51 (1) To develop and recommend policies for improving
52 transportation planning and the selection of transportation projects;

53 (2) To review the five-year transportation capital plan for the state
54 developed annually by the Department of Transportation, examine the
55 impact of such plan on the present and future transportation needs of
56 the state and evaluate whether such plan assures the development and
57 maintenance of an adequate, safe and efficient transportation system;

58 (3) To conduct a public hearing annually on the five-year
59 transportation capital plan for the state and seek testimony from
60 metropolitan planning organizations, as defined in 23 USC 134, as
61 amended from time to time, regarding transportation projects to be
62 conducted or being conducted within the boundaries of their
63 respective metropolitan planning areas;

64 (4) To advise the Commissioner of Transportation on policies and
65 procedures to promote economic development, transit-oriented
66 development, housing development, access to employment,
67 environmental protection and the specific needs of geographic areas of

68 the state;

69 (5) To review the assessment of transportation projects prepared
70 and submitted pursuant to subsection (e) of section 2 of this act;

71 (6) To obtain from any executive department, board, commission or
72 other agency of the state such assistance and data as necessary and
73 available to carry out the purposes of this section; and

74 (7) To perform such other acts as may be necessary and appropriate
75 to carry out the duties described in this section.

76 (l) The council may establish committees at any time to advise the
77 council in carrying out its duties. Each committee shall be composed of
78 transportation professionals, advocates and other interested
79 stakeholders.

80 (m) Not later than January 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the
81 council shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
82 of the general statutes, a report on its activities to the joint standing
83 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
84 relating to transportation and finance, revenue and bonding.

85 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this
86 section, "transportation project" means any transportation planning or
87 capital project undertaken by the state on or after July 1, 2018, that
88 expands capacity on a limited access highway, expands capacity on a
89 transit or railroad system, expands parking facilities, expands capacity
90 on or constructs a bridge or is estimated to cost more than one
91 hundred fifty million dollars.

92 (b) The Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the
93 Commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Housing
94 and Energy and Environmental Protection, the Secretary of the Office
95 of Policy and Management and the chairpersons and ranking members
96 of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
97 cognizance of matters relating to transportation and finance, revenue

98 and bonding, shall develop a method to assess each transportation
99 project to determine the impact of such transportation project on
100 economic development, transit-oriented development, housing
101 development, access to employment, the environment, traffic
102 congestion and public safety.

103 (c) On or before February 1, 2018, the commissioner shall submit, in
104 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, such assessment
105 method to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
106 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. Not later than
107 sixty days after the receipt of such assessment method, said committee
108 shall meet to approve or reject such assessment method and advise the
109 commissioner of said committee's approval or rejection. If said
110 committee fails to approve or reject such assessment method within
111 sixty days of such receipt, such assessment method shall be deemed
112 approved. Such assessment method shall become effective when
113 approved by an affirmative vote of said committee or deemed
114 approved. In the event that such assessment method is rejected, such
115 assessment method shall be returned to the commissioner for revisions
116 and resubmitted to said committee not later than thirty days after such
117 rejection.

118 (d) On and after July 1, 2018, the commissioner shall assess each
119 transportation project using the assessment method approved
120 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. The commissioner shall not
121 include a transportation project in the Department of Transportation's
122 five-year transportation capital plan for the state unless the assessment
123 of such transportation project is completed.

124 (e) The commissioner shall submit the assessment of each
125 transportation project to the Transportation Policy Advisory Council
126 established pursuant to section 1 of this act and post such assessments
127 on the Department of Transportation's Internet web site.

128 (f) The Department of Transportation shall not submit a request for
129 appropriations or authorization of bonds for a transportation project to

130 the General Assembly unless the commissioner has submitted the
 131 assessment of such transportation project pursuant to subsection (e) of
 132 this section. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a
 133 transportation project undertaken by the department provided the
 134 commissioner finds such project is necessary to safeguard public
 135 safety.

136 (g) On or before January 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the
 137 commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions
 138 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees
 139 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 140 transportation and finance, revenue and bonding, on the assessments
 141 of transportation projects completed in the previous calendar year.

142 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 4-9a of the general statutes is
 143 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 144 *October 1, 2017*):

145 (a) The Governor shall appoint the chairperson and executive
 146 director, if any, of all boards and commissions within the Executive
 147 Department, except the State Properties Review Board, the State
 148 Elections Enforcement Commission, the Commission on Human
 149 Rights and Opportunities, the Commission on Fire Prevention and
 150 Control, [and] the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board and the
 151 Transportation Policy Advisory Council."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	4-9a(a)